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SUBJ: TRADE MISSION OFFIER TO SUPPORT USDOC'S
COMMERICAL PROGRAMS BY REPRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICITY

REF MELBOURNE 0435/

- 1. ONE OF THE MOST GRATIFYING AND ENCOURAGING RESULTS OF RECENT MELBOURNE VISIT OF FOOD PROCESSING AND PACKAGING EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION WAS UNSOLICITED OFFER BY FIVE TM MEMBERS TO HELP USDOC INCREASE PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FOR ITS EXPORT EXPANSION PROGRAMS.
- 2. MISSION'S MELBOURNE VISIT FULLY REPORTED IN REFTEL.
 ON MARCH 20 AT CLOSE OF MELBOURNE VISIT, MISSION CONTROL
 OFFICER ARRANGED DEBRIEFING SESSION WHICH INCLUDED:
 ROBERT KELLY, US DEPT OF COMMERCE MISSION DIRECTOR;
 E A ANDERSON, PRESIDENT ATLANTA SAW CO; DICK HERON,
 YSSTEMS ENGINEER-BISHOPRIC PRODUCTS; RON JARRETT,
 SALES MANAGER CLAYTON SHECIALITIES, INC; WILLIAM COOMBESBN
 MANAGER DRAVO CORP, J PANTAENIUS, PRESIDENT MUELLER
 INT'L SALES CORP; DANA M MARSHALL, MISSION CONTROL
 OFFICER; NOELA CAIN AND MARY ANNE FOSTER OF POST ECONOMIC/
 COMMERICAL SECTION (OTHER TWO MEMBERS OF TM WERE AWAY
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3. MISSION MEMBERS, SOME OF WHOM HAD NEVER BEFORE PERSONALLY PARTICIPATED IN ANY USG-ORGANIZED TRADE PROMOTION EVENT, WERE UNANIMOUS THAT EVENT MOST WORTHWHILE (SEE REFTEL FOR FURTHER DETAILS). AFTER COVERING SPECIFICS OF MISSION PLANNING AND RESULTS, MISSION MEMBERS EXPRESSED ENTHUSIASTIC APPROVAL OF TRADE MISSION CONCEPT AS HIGHLY

EFFECTIVE EXPORT EXPANSION ACTIVITY. AWARE THAT COMMERICAL PROGRAMS FROM TIME TO TIME RUN INTO HARD SLEDDING ON CAPITAL HILL AND ELSEWHERE IN GOVT, THEY ASKED HOW THEY COULD, AS PRIVATE CITIZENS, ASSIST IN PUBLICIZING AND SUPPORTING USDOC'S TRADE PROMOTION PROGRAM. THEY BELIEVE, AND POST CONCURS, THAT THEIR SUPPORT, BASED AS IT IS ON FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE, MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN ATTEMPTS TO JUSTIFY AND EXPAND OUR COMMERICAL SERVICES. GROUP DID NOT RPT NOT THINK THAT THEIR INDIVIDUAL LETTERS OR CALLS TO THEIR CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS WOULD HAVE MUCH IMPACT AND THEY INSISTED ON ASKING HW THEY COULD MOST EFFECTIVELY HELP AND TO WHOM APPROPRIATE AND EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATIONS COULD BE MADE.

4. COMMENT: POST IS NATURALLY PLEASED WITH THIS FAVORABLE REACTION, AND HOPES USDOC (AND STATE) WILL KEEP THESE VOLUNTARY OFFERS OF PUBLIC SUPPORT IN MIND. POPPLE

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